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SUMMARY: IN JUNE 29/30 EXCHANGES WITH AUSTRIAN MFA OFFICIALS, IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER COVERED NUMBER OF ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN RELATING TO UN SYSTEM AND UNGA. THESE INCLUDED SOME OF ISSUES ALREADY COVERED IN MAYNES-JANKOWITSCH EXHCANGE REPORTED REFTEL, PARTICULARLY HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES. (SEPARATE INTERVIEWS WITH WALDHEIM AND JANKOWITSCH RE HUMAN RIGHTS WERE PUBLISHED JUST BEOFRE THESE MEETINGS IN VIENNA PRESS. MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST NOT REPORTED REFTEL INCLUDED AUSTRIAN VIEWS ON CYPRUS, BUDGETARY ISSUES, COMMON FUND, AND ENERGY DIALOGUE AND ARE REPORTED IN FOLLOWING PARAS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 29 AND 30 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER TOOK TIME FROM PROCEEDINGS OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE TO HAVE TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH AUSTRIANS
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ON UN AFFAIRS. FIRST OCCURRED JUNE 29 AT CHARGE'S LUNCHEON FOR SEC GEN OF AUSTRIAN MFA, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, UN PERMREP JANKOWITSCH, AND DEPUTY CHIEF IO DEPARTMENT RUDOFISKY. FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION OCCURRED IN MFA JUNE 30 WUTH RUDOFISKY AND ADOLF KUEN, MFA ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, MULTILATERAL SECTION.

2. CYPRUS: AUSTRIANS INDICATED THEY HAD RECENTLY ASSESSED CYPRUS SITUATION AND BELIEVED THAT TURKS MIGHT HAVE MORE SUPPORT IN UNGA THAN PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE CONTINUATION OF DE FACTO PARTITION WAS CAUSING THAT SITUATION TO BECOME GRADUALLY ACCEPTED. IN THIS WAY, LACK OF MOVEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS WORKED AGAINST GREEK/CYPRIOI INTERESTS. AUSTRIANS FELT THAT IF TURKS SHOWED SOME INITIATIVE PRIOR TO UNGA THEY WOULD HAVE PRETTY SOLID SUPPORT WITHIN ISLAMIC ELEMENT OF NAM.

3. UNFICYP: DESPITE AUSTRIAN CONCERN THAT THEY BEING PAID ON BASIS OF 310 DOLLARS PER MAN MONTH FOR THEIR UNIT IN UNFICYP, WHILE COSTS TO THEM APPROXIMATELY TWICE THAT HIGH AND THAT UN PAYMENT DELAYED SEVERAL YEARS, AUSTRIA NOT PRESSING FOR REDUCTION OF UNFICYP. IT BELIEVES THIS WILL OCCUR ANYWAY AS PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES -- FIRST FINNS AND NOW DANES -- WITHDRAW UNITS. RUDOFISKY NOTED THAT SYG HAS RECENTLY APPEALED TO CERTAIN STATES. BAKER STATED THIS WAS MUCH NEEDED SINCE BURDEN UNEVENLY SPREAD. HE DESCRIBED FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE CLOSE ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE GIVING TO OTHER COUNTRIES' CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR RECOMMENDED REDUCTION BY ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS OF US CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR.
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4. ZIONISM/RACISM: RUDOFISKY INDICATED THAT AUSTRIANS NOT COMMITTED TO ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE OF DECADE. THEY HAVE URGED AFRICANS TO CONSIDER THEIR OWN INTERESTS IN THIS CONFERENCE IF THEY DESIRE EUROPEAN SUPPORT. RUDOFISKY AGREED THAT UNDERSTANDINGS FROM AFRICANS WITH RESPECT TO ABSENCE OF ANY PROPOSALS ON ZIONISM/RACISM WOULD BE DESIRABLE PREREQUISITE FOR ATTENDANCE. BAKER STRESSED THAT SUCH UNDERSTANDINGS WOULD BE MORE FEASIBLE IF LARGER NUMBER OF EUROPEANS AVOIDED COMMITMENT TO ATTEND IN ABSENCE OF SUCH UNDERSTANDINGS.

5. BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT: AUSTRIANS INDICATED THAT THEY HAD LITTLE CAPACITY IN MFA TO FOLLOW UN BUDGETARY MATTERS. RUDOFISKY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY HAD SOUGHT TO BE INCLUDED IN GENEVA GROUP BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE TO THEM OF THEIR UN FACILITIES IN VIENNA. HE ADDED THAT SUCH MEMBERSHIP WOULD GIVE THEM STRONG ARGUMENT TO GET PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO BUDGETARY AREA WITHIN MFA, NOT JUST TO UN MISSION AS AT PRESENT. RUDOFISKY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE IN

AUSTRIA'S INTEREST, IN VIEW OF THEIR DESIRE TO
UTILIZE GROWING CONFERENCE FACILITY IN VIENNA, TO
RESIST STRONGLY ANY TENDENCY FOR CONFERENCES HELD
AWAY FROM NEW YORK AND GENEVA OR VIENNA TO BE FUNDED
OUT OF REGULAR BUDGET AT REQUEST OF UNGA.

6. COMMON FUND: KUEN INDICATED THAT MFA AND
AUSTRIAN COMMERCE DEPARTMENT WERE NOT ENTIRELY IN
AGREEMENT ON COMMON FUND BUT THAT MFA FAVORS "POOLING"
OPTION. BAKER INDICATED THAT THIS PARALLELED US
POSITION AS RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY BERGSTEN, COPY OF WHOSE
RECENT SPEECH ON THIS SUBJECT HE LEFT WITH KUEN. KUEN
WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER US POLICY ON
STRATEGIC STOCKPILES WOULD CHANGE OR HAVE AFFECT ON
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OUR APPROACH TO SHUFFLE STOCKS IN CERTAIN COMMODITIES.

7. ENERGY DIALOGUE: BAKER EXPLORED WITH KUEN QUESTION
OF PROPER LOCUS OF POST-CIEC ENERGY DIALOGUE. KUEN
INCLINED TOWARD NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC
BUT NOTED THAT VAN LENNEP OF OECD HAD FAVORED
ESTABLISHING OECD/OPEC LINK; HE BELIEVED THAT
A STRUCTURE WITHIN UN WOULD BE NECESSARY. KUEN
NOTED THAT WALDHEIM HAD TWICE SPOKEN FAVORABLY
OF A BODY WITHIN UN TO DEAL WITH ENERGY, (ONCE
AT CIEC AND ONCE AT PITTSBURGH), OBSERVING IT
UNLIKELY HE WOULD HAVE DONE SO WITHOUT
ACQUIESCENCE OF OPEC IN THIS IDEA.

8. ILO: RUDOFISKY NOTED THAT AUSTRIAN DELEGATION
TO ILO HAD REPORTED AT END OF RECENT ILO CONFERENCE
THAT THEY BELIEVED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO
STAY IN ILO IN WAKE OF RESULT OF CONFERENCE,
PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE 17.
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